

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 7 have been amended and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

I. 35 USC § 102 CLAIM REJECTION

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,982,506 to Kara (hereinafter the '506 patent).

As previously mentioned, claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice, thus the above rejection to these claims are now moot.

The only remaining independent claim in this application is claim 1, which has each been amended to more positively recite that the present invention method for authenticating information relates to information exchanged between facsimile devices.

With regards to the '506 patent, the examiner stated it also relates to a facsimile machine by making reference to it's background at Col. 1, lines 5-20. However, a proper reading of this section, and the overall teaching of the '506 patent, reveals that mention of a facsimile device is only provided as a historical reference to how the electronic transfer of documents evolved, starting with facsimile devices. That is it. In other words, the invention of the '506 patent is not applicable to facsimile machines, but rather towards a communication system involving a first transmitting PC and a second receiving PC. It neither discloses, nor teaches of how it could be applied to the idiosyncrasies involved with facsimile device, which the present invention does. ^{individual} ~~characteristics~~

Accordingly, independent claim 1, along with its depending claims (namely, 2-7) patentably distinguishes from the '506 patent and it is respectfully submitted removal of this rejection is warranted.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-7 are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested. If the Examiner should have any questions, he is kindly urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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